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SUBJ: SITREP MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES - 1730 JULY 16

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1. IN SPARSELY ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL AFTERNOON OF JULY 16, CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALLAN MACEACHEN MADE STRONG AND FORTHRIGHT PRESENTATION OF CANADIAN POSITION ON TAIWAN OLYMPICS ISSUE. IN STATEMENT BEFORE QUESTION PERIOD MACEACHEN SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IOC HAD DECIDED TO AUTHORIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN UNDER THAT DESIGNATION AND SAID THAT FORMULA WAS ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD ALSO BEEN TOLD "BUT MAYBE IT IS NOT AUTHORITATIVE" THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR TAIWAN HAD REJECTED THE IOC PROPOSAL AND SAID ROC WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GAMES. COL. MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USOC, CONFIRMED TO US FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ROC WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GAMES.

2. MACEACHEN EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT TAIWAN DECISION AND SAID CANADA HAD HOPED FOR MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION IN GAMES. HE
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EXPLAINED CANADA'S PLICY REGARDING CHINA, SAID

CANADA DOES NOT RESTRICT PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS BETWEEN CANADIANS AND TAIWANESE PROVIDED THEY DO NOT HOLD THEMSELVES OUT AS REPRESENTING CHINA "IN WAY THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH GOC POLICY". HE SAID GOC HAS TREATED TAIWANESE ATHLETES IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS IT HAS TREATED ALL OTHER TAIWANESE CITIZENS AND SAID CANADA HAS BEEN READY TO SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR PARTICIPATION OF TAIWANESE ATHLETES IN GAMES. HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING GOC POLICY ON CHINA WAS NOT INVENTED FOR THE OLYMPICS NOR WAS IT BROUGHT FORWARD TO INJECT "CONTROVERSY OR POLITICS INTO THE OLYMPICS MOVEMENT". HE SAID IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN 1970 AND HAD BEEN APPLIED CONSISTENTLY SINCE.

3. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS MACEACHEN, WHO SEEMED VERY MUCH IN COMMAND OF FACTS OF SITUATION, SAID CLEARLY ON THREE OCCASIONS THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REPRESENTATION OR PRESSURE OF ANY KIND FROM THE UNITED STATES ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE "ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEEN A LOT ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS". HE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONTACT BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE PRC EMBASSY IN OTTAWA WHICH HAD MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR "EVEN THIS MORNING". HE SAID GOC HAS NOT EXPLAINED SITUATION TO TAIWANESE SINCE IT HAS NO RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

4. WHEN QUERIED WHY PM HAD SAID ON JULY 15 THAT TAIWANESE COULD USE ROC FLAG AND ANTHEM, HE SAID STATEMENT HAD BEEN "REGARDED AS A COMPROMISE" BUT ADDED THAT GOC HAD STATED AS EARLY AS 5 JULY THAT LAST FORMULA PRESENTED TO TAIWANESE BY IOC WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC.

5. WHEN ASKED WHY GOC HAD NOT MADE ITS POSITION ON TAIWAN CLEAR IN MARCH 1975 WHEN IOC GAVE IT LIST OF OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS WHICH INCLUDED ROC, MACEACHEN SAID HIS DEPARTMENT TOLD IOC IN APRIL 1975 THAT THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEM. HE SAID LORD KILLANIN HAD ASKED THEN FOR ASSURANCE TAIWAN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AS ROC AND EXTAFF HAD REPLIED IT COULD NOT GIVE SUCH ASSURANCE. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR IN MAY 1976 THAT IOC HAD NOT TAKEN ACTION TO SOLVE PROBLEM, HE SAID GOC TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS IT WOULD ADMIT TAIWANESE. HE SAID GOC REJECTED "CATEGORICALLY" IDEA THAT EXTAFF DID NOT INFORM IOC OF PROBLEM TILL MAY 1976. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDED THAT "LAST YEAR" GOC HAD EXCLUDED BOXERS FROM TAIWAN SEEKING TO ENTER FOR PRE-OLYMPIC EVENTS BECAUSE THEY INSISTED ON USING ROC DESIGNATION. HE REPEATED THAT THIS ACTION MADE GOC POLICY CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED.

6. MACEACHEN SAID DESPITE ARTICLE 9 OF OLYMPIC RULES THAT GAMES ARE TO BE CONTESTS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE REALLY COMPETITIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND THAT FLAGS, COUNTRY DESIGNATIONS,

ETC., ARE A BIG PART OF THE GAMES. THE OLYMPICS ARE HIGHLY POLITICAL AND CANADA HAS DONE NOTHING TO ADD TO THIS. MACEACHEN AGREED THAT CANADA'S IMAGE HAS PROBABLY SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY CAUSED BY THE ROC ISSUE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF GOC'S POSITION AND SAID HE IS CONFIDENT THAT CONCERN OVER THIS WILL BE REDUCED AS THE POLICY BECOMES MORE FULLY UNDERSTOOD.

7. PRIOR TO MACEACHEN PRESS CONFERENCE HIS ASSISTANT PRESS OFFICER GAVE CONGEN OFFICER COPY OF STATEMENT BY REPUBLIC OF CHINA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE READING: QUOTE. WE ANNOUNCE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE CANNOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL PUT FORTH BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO CHANGE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA NAME TO TAIWAN FOR THE DURATION OF THE XXI OLYMPIC GAMES. WE CONSIDER THIS CHANGE TO BE IMPROPER UNDER THE I.O.C. RULES PREVENTING POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION AND INTERFERENCE. SINCE OUR COUNTER PROPOSAL TO THE I.O.C. TO USE THE NAME TAIWAN ROC WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, WE DEEPLY REGRET THAT WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE STEADFASTLY SUPPORTED US AND SHARE IN OUR DISAPPOINTMENT. WE REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND URGE OUR FRIENDS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND PRESERVATION OF OLYMPIC PRINCIPLES. QUOTE
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